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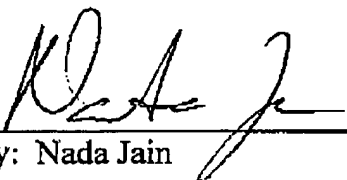
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In re Application of: Kati Chevaux et al

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Examiner: R. O. Winston

For: PRODUCTS CONTAINING POLYPHENOL(S) AND L-ARGININE
AND METHODS OF USE THEREOF**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction and Election of Species Requirement mailed June 30, 2006, applicant hereby elects *with traverse*: (i) Invention Group I, claims 31-74, drawn to a non-chocolate food product containing cocoa polyphenol, or a polyphenol of the formula A_n where n is 1 or 2-18, and L-arginine; and (ii) species cocoa polyphenol monomer (claims 31, 33, 35-40, 42, 44-46, 50, 52-59, and 67-74) or polyphenols of the formula A_n where n is 1 (claims 32, 34, 41, 43, 47-49, 51, 60-66, 75-78).

Applicants traverse the restriction and election of species requirement on the ground that there is no undue burden to examine both invention groups/species. It is respectfully submitted that no additional burden would be imposed on the Examiner if the product claims of Invention Group I and the method of treatment or prevention claims of Invention Group II were examined together in the present patent application, because the search with respect to one inventive group/species is likely to uncover art relevant to the other group/species.

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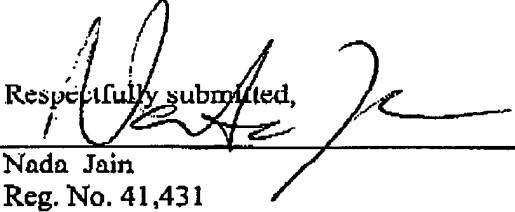
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In view of the above remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

No petition or fee is believed due with this response. However, if such is deemed required, Applicants hereby petition for the extension of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 50-2549.

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